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Periodistanan ta Reuni Pa Forma Asociacion

Miembronan di prensa di varios corantnan di Aruba y representantenan di corantnan di Curaçao a reuni dia 20 di Februari, cu obheto di organiza un organizacion di prensa.

Diez homber, representando seis diferente corant, a tuma parti na es reunion cu a tuma lugar na Flamingo Room. Obheto di e asociacion ta di trece mas contacto entre periodistanan na Aruba y pa establece un "standard" halto pa calidad di periodismo na Aruba.

M. Allegro di Arubaansche Courant a worde eligi como presidente di e asociacion, y R. W. Schlageter di Aruba Esso News como vice-presidente, mientras cu F. Zielinski Jr. di Aruba Times a worde eligi como secretario.

Otronan presente tabata E. A. Bailey y S. Brathwaite di The Local; E. F. Lo, correspondent di Beurs & Nieuwsberichten; H. M. Nassy di Arubaansche Courant; J. van der Schoot di Aruba Times y correspondent di Amigoe di Curaçao; F. Steenmeijer, correspondent di Beurs & Nieuwsberichten; y G. C. Rike di Aruba Esso News.

Population of Aruba Goes Over 53,000 Mark

Aruba's population on the last day of 1949 was 53,568 people, representing a growth of 2,458 during the past year. According to a recent story in the Curaçao newspaper, Amigoe di Curaçao, this total of 53,568 represented 29,091 male and 24,477 female residents.

During 1949, 971 boys and 925 girls were born, for a total of 1896 children born during the year.

Aprendiznan na Merca Ta Mira Sneeuw pa di Promé Bez

Un experiencia nobo pa Dominico Britten y Francisco Dijkhoff, Lago su aprendiznan cu ta na Merca pa un anja di estudio, tabata e promé bez cu nan a mira sneeuw na Allentown, recientemente. Portretnan saká e dia ey ta un recuerdo permanente pa nan di es anja cu nan a pasa na Merca.

Recientemente e hobennan a haya nan segundo rapport y tur dos ta muestra progreso; nan cifra nan ta alcanza un promedio di 87 y 89 % (100 ta di mas halto).

Nan ta skirbi cu actividadnan social na cualnan nan ta tuma parti, ta duna nan oportunidad pa contra cu hopi mucha-homber y mucha-muher di nan mes edad. Nan a bai diferente balianan di dos club aya, cu nan ta bishita cu regularidad.

Mas o menos dos duim di sneeuw ■ cai poco dia pasá y temperatura a baha te na scis grado bao di cero. Nan ta bisa cu un cambio di 20 grado den temperatura den solamente 24'or no ta nada straño, pero e ora ey si nan oreanan ta parce manera cu ta gefries nan ta. Nan a naya e bista masha bunita, ora cu tur cos a keda tapá bao un mantel blanco di sneeuw.

E hobennan a goza di un comedia cu nan a mira cu canticanan na Spañó; nan tabata conoce mayoria di e cancionnan cu e hungadornan a canta, y un momento casi nan a kere cu ta na Aruba nan tabata.

Dominico y Francisco ta manda cumindamento pa tur nan amigonan na Aruba; nan adres ta sigui pa si cualkier hende ke skirbi nan: 2128 Washington Street, Allentown Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Car License Plates Go on Sale

1950 automobile license plates went on sale here last month, with the price based on the weight of the car. For passenger cars, the fee is Fls. 6 per hundred kilos.

The procedure to be followed to get new plates is as follows:

1. Take last year's car tax receipt to the Police Office. Be sure to have your car along.
2. At the Police Office, get an inspection slip showing your car's make, model, type, weight, etc.
3. Take inspection slip to the Tax Collector's Office and pay your fee.

On Friday, March 3, and Tuesday, March 7, the Tax Collector's Office in San Nicolas will be open from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. From Monday through Friday, it's open from 8:30 in the morning till 12 noon; on Saturday, 8:30—11. If you turn your inspection slip in at the San Nicolas office, you must return several days later to pick up your plates.

Hours of the Tax Collector's Office in Oranjestad are from 8 to 12, and from 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. On Saturdays, the office is open in the morning from 8 to 12.



F. Steenmeijer, president of the Aruba Art Circle, shakes hands with Serge Jaroff, director of the Don Cossack Chorus, on the stage of the Sociedad Bolivariana in Oranjestad. The world-famed musical organization, part of which is seen above, performed in Aruba twice last month, at the Sociedad Bolivariana and at the Esso Club. Their appearance here was sponsored by the Aruba Art Circle. (Photo by Sam Rajroop.)

Aki nos ta mira F. Steenmeijer, presidente di Kunstkring y Serge Jaroff, director di Don Kozakken, cantornan Ruso, despues di un programa na Sociedad Bolivariana luna pasá. E anochi promé e grupo a canta na Esso Club.

Bartels Sees Tourism As Great Island Benefit

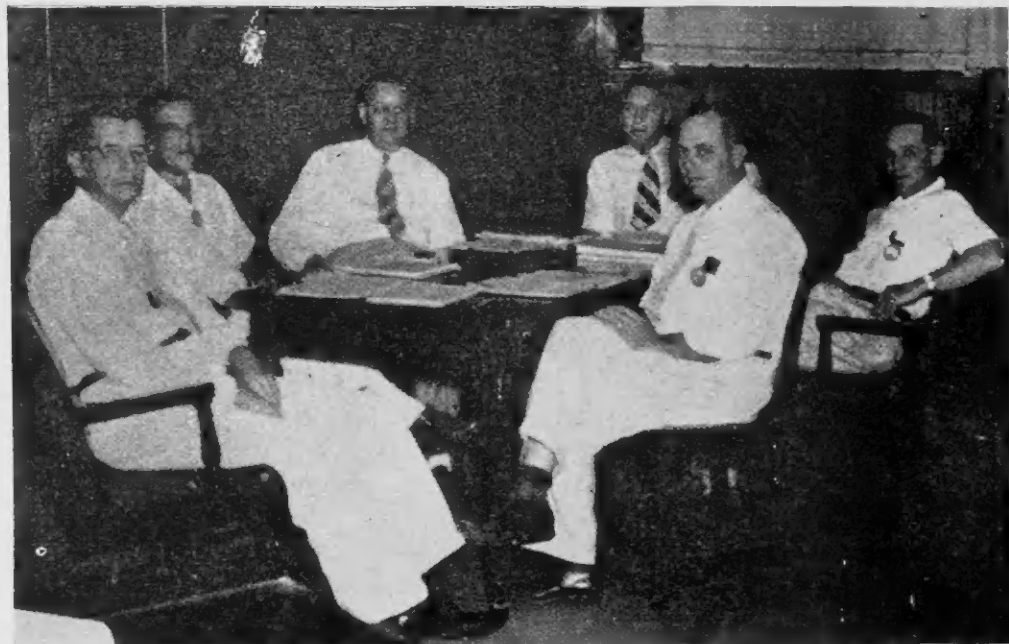
The varied benefits that a strong tourist industry would bring to residents of Aruba were pointed out by Ernst Bartels, secretary of the Aruba Tourist Commission, at a press conference in Oranjestad Februaury 23.

Emphasizing the natural advantages which Aruba enjoys for the formation of a tourist industry, Mr. Bartels warned that Aruba must start now to develop these advantages. It would be a shame, he pointed out, if people here did not take advantage of the island's natural features and failed to use them for Aruba's welfare.

Failure of people here to develop tourism, he said, would result in others coming in from the outside and doing so. Then the profits would also go outside.

Among the natural advantages which Aruba has, he said, are a wonderful

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The Executive Committee, recently reconstituted after the organization change at the executive level, is shown above in a recent session. Left to right are J. J. Horigan, chairman, J. Andreae, T. C. Brown, O. Mingus, F. E. Griffin, and at far right C. F. Smith, who attends meetings of the group in an advisory capacity. The first five mentioned are Lago's Board of Directors.

Comité Ehecutivo di Lago cu a worde cambiá recientemente despues di cambianan den organizacion, a worde retratá durante nan promé reunion. Di robex pa drechi, J. J. Horigan, Presidente; J. Andreae, T. C. Brown, O. Mingus, F. E. Griffin, y C. F. Smith, kende ta tuma parti na reunionnan di e Comité den capacidad consultativo. E otro cinco nan ta forma Lago su Hunta di Directores.

Populacion di Aruba A Pasa 53,000

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Journalists Meet to Form Aruba Press Association

Members of the working press from the island's various newspapers met February 20 for the purpose of organizing a press association. Represented at the meeting were men from Aruban papers and correspondents for Curaçao publications.

Ten men, representing six different papers, were present at the meeting, which was held in the Flamingo Room. Purpose of the organization, which will be known as the Aruba Press Association, will be to form a closer association between the island's newspapermen and to establish a high standard of excellence among newspaper reporters. It is believed that added recognition of the importance of the press will promote a more thorough dissemination of information of interest to all the island's residents.

M. Allegro, of the Arubaansche Courant, was elected president of the group, and R. W. Schlageter, of the Aruba Esso News, vice-president. F. Zielinski, Jr., of the Aruba Times, was elected secretary.

Others attending this first organization meeting were E. A. Bailey and S. Brathwaite, of the Local; E. F. Lo, correspondent for Beurs and Nieuwsberichten; H. M. Nassy, De Arubaansche Courant; J. van der Schoot, of the Aruba Times and correspondent for Amigoe de Curaçao; F. Steenmeijer, correspondent for Beurs and Nieuwsberichten; and G. C. Rike, of the Aruba Esso News.

Aruba Aids B.G. Flood Victims

Following reports of the recent disastrous floods in British Guiana, residents of Aruba began taking steps to send aid to the people of B.G. A Flood Relief Committee was organized for the purpose of sending aid, and various island organizations and groups joined in the drive to collect the needed supplies.

Permission for soliciting help was obtained from Aruba's Acting Lt. Governor, and supplies will be shipped to the Flood Relief Committee in B.G. for distribution to the best possible advantage.

Cash contributions will be solicited for four weeks, ending March 18, and should be donated to one of the six authorized persons who make up the Aruba committee. They are John Francisco, Rupert Jallal, Dave Armogan, C. St. Aubyn, Bruce Rodrigues, and Charles Rohee.

British Guiana's floods are the result of about 70 inches of rain falling during the two months of December and January. (This is about the amount of rain that falls in five years in Aruba.) Area hit by the floods is along the coastlands of Demerara and Essequibo for a 100-mile stretch and for miles inland. Rural people in this area have been particularly hard hit, since floods have destroyed extensive rice and sugar plantations from which they make their living.

Areas in British Guiana which escaped the floods, as well as neighboring countries, are rapidly coming to the aid of the stricken people to prevent widespread suffering and epidemics.

Anyone wishing further information on Aruba's efforts to provide assistance for the B.G. flood victims can get in touch with Charles Rohee, Bung. 812 in Lago Heights.

A March Calendar

- March
- 2 - Texas Independence Day.
 - 10 - Telephone first used, 1876.
 - 12 - Girl Scout Birthday (founded 1912).
 - 17 - St. Patrick's Day.
 - 20 - Spring begins (somewhere).

ARUBA ESSO NEWS

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A Fresh Start . . .

With the appointment recently of the Special Problems Advisory Committee, the pattern of the representative groups formed under the new employee representation plan is completed. To insure the best possible handling, negotiating activities and advisory activities are now dealt with by separate groups. In addition, district representatives will handle individual employee problems in their respective departments. These men will act independently and not as a group.

The eight-man Lago Employee Council is the negotiating body which deals with problems of wages, hours, and working conditions.

The functions of the three advisory committees are implied in their names. The Commissary Advisory Committee advises Management on customer problems arising from the operation of the Plant Commissary; the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee is responsible for organizing and conducting activities at the Lago Sport Park; the Special Problems Advisory Committee advises and consults with the Company on matters pertaining to employee benefit plans, sales to employees other than Commissary items, safety topics not related to work, medical facilities, and other off-the-job problems.

Immediate advantages of the new employee representation plan are several. It assures adequate representation of major plant population groups. It spreads the representation work load between the negotiating group and the several advisory committees, so that problems receive greater attention. And, through the working agreement, a firm basis will be given for the operation of the LEC and its district representatives.

Features of Lago's new representation plan have been tried elsewhere and have proved successful. However, the plan is new here and, like anything that is new, it will have its share of "growing pains". To successfully iron out all the problems that will confront the various representation groups in their early stages will require the cooperation and patience of everybody concerned: of members of the several groups, their constituents, and Company representatives.

As modern industry becomes more complex, duties of employee representation groups increase in importance and scope. Employee problems are constantly arising which can only be satisfactorily solved by one method: by mutual discussion and understanding between the representatives of the employee body and of company management.

With the establishment of the new representation plan, it is felt that Lago now has the best means possible to handle the problems that concern its employee body. The best way in which success under the new plan can be obtained was expressed

Refinery Reporters

Simon Coronel
Sipat Chand
Saktour Bacchus
Simon Geerman
Bernard Marquis
Iphill Jones

Fernando da Silva
Bertie Vlapree
Hugo de Vries
Willemfridus Boel
Mrs. Ivy Butts
Jacinto de Kort

Harold Wathey
Mrs. M. A. Mongroo
Elsa Mackintosh
George Lawrence
Calvin Nassell
Federico Ponson
Edgar Connor
Mario Harms
Cade Abraham
Jan Oduber
John Francisco
Jose La Cruz
Stella Oliver
Ricardo Van Blaricum
Claude Bolah

Harold James
Edney Huckleman
Samuel Rajroop

Hospital
Storehouse
Instrument
Drydock
Marine Office
Receiving & Shipping
Acid & Edeleanu
Pressure Stills
C.T.R. & Field Shops
T.S.D. Office
Accounting
Powerhouse 1 & 2
Laboratories 1 & 2
Laboratory 3
Lago Police
Esso & Lago Clubs
Dining Hall (2)
Catalytic
M. & C. Office
Masons & Insulators
Machine Shop
Blacksmith, Boiler & Tin
Pipe
Welding
Colony Commissary
Plant Commissary
Laundry
Colony Service Office
M. & C. Colony Maintenance
Garage
Industrial Relations
Sports
Special
Carpenter & Paint
Gas Plant

Lake Fleet Reporters

R. Boekhoudt
M. L. Lane
J. A. Melfor
R. Wilson
N. Sampson
H. W. Mulzac
M. John
N. F. Clarke
R. M. Josephia
F. Modeste
P. N. Semelaer
C. T. Pentaphlet
Z. Z. Fleming
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J. Smith
E. A. Martis
W. F. Van Putten
C. Gilkes
K. Davis
L. Findley
C. A. Euton
A. C. Nurse
J. Kock
G. O. Walker
J. I. Yanga
L. E. Marchena
D. L. Van Putten

S.S. "Amacuro"
S.S. "Ambrosio"
S.S. "Andino"
S.S. "Bachaquero"
S.S. "Boscan"
S.S. "Caripito"
S.S. "Cumarebo"
S.S. "Guarico"
S.S. "Invercalbo"
S.S. "Inverrosa"
S.S. "Inverruba"
S.S. "Jusepin"
S.S. "Mara"
S.S. "Maracay"
S.S. "Misoa"
S.S. "Federviso"
S.S. "Quiriquire"
S.S. "Sabana"
S.S. "San Carlos"
S.S. "San Cristobal"
S.S. "Temblador"
S.S. "Trujillo"
S.S. "Yamareta"
Shoregang
Tug "Delaplaine"
Tug "Colorado Point"
Relief Pumpmen

ed by a member of the LEC in the group's first meeting with Company representatives. Although difficulties in employee-management relations had occurred in the past, he proposed a "cleaning of the slate", a fresh start in which all elements would strive for cooperation under the new plan.

As long as that feeling dominates the work of all who are involved in the employee representation plan, results satisfactory to all parties should be obtained.

Limerick Contest Ends With Two Top Winners

Walter Wilson, Marine Department, and Ambrose Lewis, M & C, tied for first place in the last of the limerick contests. Each of them wins a prize of Fls. 5.00 for their excellent last lines.

Mr. Wilson's completed limerick reads:

The Limerick Contest is done,
There'll be no more after this one.
But keep safety in mind
And you always will find
It's a prize that is second to none.

Mr. Lewis' final line is: "That your Safety record will be second to none".

Second prize of Fls. 3.00 was earned by I. E. Wong, Accounting Department, who submitted "That safety pays more in the long run".

Third prize winner is Julio Lopes, Process Control. He merits Fls. 2.00 for his entry: "It pays in many ways..... Not one".

Since this limerick was the final one in the contest series, there will be no limerick to complete for next months issue. But the contest for safe working goes on. Safety is "a prize that's second to none".

DEATHS

Pedro Young, houseman in the Crackling Department, drowned February 12 at the Eagle Beach. He was 22 years old, and had five years and almost five months of service.

Mr. Young is survived by his father and mother, three brothers, and two sisters.

Join in the Fight
to
Cut Costs

Plan Nobo di Representacion (Editorial)

Cu nombramiento reciente di Comité Consultativo pa Problemanan Especial, tur e diferente gruponan representativo formá segun e plan nobo di representacion di empleadonan a keda completá. Pa por presta mas atencion na problemanan, actividadnan negociativo y actividadnan consultativo ta worde tratá pa gruponan separá. Ademas, representantenan di diferente districtonan lo trata problemanan individual di empleadonan den nan departamentonan respectivamente. E hombernan aki lo actua independiente, y no como un grupo.

Lago Employee Council, consistiendo di ocho miembro, ta e cuerpo negociativo, cu ta trata riba problemanan di salario, oranan y condicionnan di trabao.

Nombrenan di e tres comiténan consultativo mes ta splica nan funcionamiento. Comité Consultativo di Comisario ta conseha Directiva riba problemanan di cumpradonan na Comisario di Planta; Comité di Recreacion di Lago Sport Park ta responsabel pa organizá y conduci actividadnan na Lago Sport Park; Comité Consultativo pa Problemanan Especial ta consehá y avisá Compañia riba asuntoonan tocante plannan di beneficio di empleadonan, bendemento di articulonnan fuera esnan cu tin na Comisario, puntonan di Seguridad cu no ta relacioná cu trabao, facilidatnan médico, y otro problemanan foi trabao.

Ventahanan di e plan nobo di representacion ta varios. E ta duna representacion adecuado segun nacionalidadnan diferente; e ta parti peso di trabao di representacion entre e grupo negociativo y e diferente comiténan consultativo, di moda cu problemanan ta haya mas atencion pagá na nan; y pa medio di e Combenio di Trabao, un base firme lo worde estableci pa funcionamiento di LEC y su representantenan di distrito.

Plannan di representacion parecido na esun di Lago a proba di tin éxito na otro lugarnan. Pero awor e plan ta nobo aki, y tur principio ta difcil. Pa por trata adecuadamente cu tur dificultadnan cu lo afrontá e varios gruponan di representacion na principio di nan existencia, tur esnan interesá, esta miembronan di e diferente gruponan di representacion, nan constituyentenan, y representantenan di Compañia, mester presta nan cooperacion y tene hopi pasenshi.

Segun industria moderna ta birando mas complicá, deber di e gruponan representativo ta bira mas importante. Continuamente problemanan di empleadonan ta presenta nan mes y tin solamente un metodo pa por resolve nan satisfactoriamente: pa medio di discusion y comprendemento mutual entre representantenan di grupo di empleado y representantenan di Directiva.

Cu formamento di e plan nobo di representacion, parce cu Lago tin e mihor medio pa trata problemanan di su empleadonan. E mihor moda pa e plan resulta un éxito a worde expresá pa un miembro di LEC den promé reunion di es grupo y representantenan di Compañia, esta cu apesar di dificultadnan cu tabatin den relacionnan entre empleadonan y Compañia den pasado, e ta propone pa cuminza awor cu un blaachi limpi, lubidando lo pasado y pa tur trata na coopera bao di e plan nobo.

Tantem esnan cu ta figurá den e plan di representacion di empleadonan sigui es proposicion, resultadonan satisfactorio lo worde obetení pa tur dos partida.

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

Semi-Monthly Payroll
February 16—28 Wednesday, March 8
March 1—15 Thursday, March 23
Monthly Payrolls
February 1—28 Thursday, March 9



Who gets which home! A drawing to determine which of the 74 Home Building Foundation houses (to have been completed by March 1) will go to each purchaser is held February 21 in the General Office Building. Juan Vrolijk, blindfolded, draws names from one jar and house numbers from another. Officially checking the drawing are S. Dirkmaat, sub-inspector of police and G. B. Brook, Chief of Lago Police, seated at the table. C. F. Smith, chairman of the Home Building Foundation Board of Directors, stands at far left. Other members of the Board are Captain R. J. Beaujon, standing center, and F. Beaujon, Accounting Department, right. J. Wervers and G. A. Molloy are not shown in the picture, and J. Irausquin was not present at the drawing. The last three are also Board members.

Dia 21 di Februari un loteria a tuma lugar na Main Office, pa determiná cual di e 74 casnan di Home Building Foundation lo bai pa cada cumprador. E casnan a keda di ta cla dia 1 di Maart. Juan Vrolijk, cu wowo mará, ta saka un di e papelnan cu number di e cumprador for di un botter, y e number di cas for di un otro botter. Esnan presente pa check e loteria ta S. Dirkmaat, onder-inspecteur di Polies, y G. B. Brook, hefe di Lago Police (sintá). Na banda robez, C. F. Smith, Presidente di Home Building Foundation. Otro miembronan ta J. Beaujon, (pará mei-mei), y F. Beaujon di Accounting; J. Wervers y G. A. Molloy no a sali riba e portret, y J. Irausquin no tabata presente.

Personals . . .

Saul Ruiz, who formerly worked at the Cable Office two and one-half years ago, recently paid his friends in Lago a five day visit. Mr. Ruiz is now working in the Caracas office for Creole.

William Houtman, M & C, was married February 17 to Lucia Leckie, of the Wholesale Commissary office. Mr. Houtman started his long vacation late last year, and he and his bride have been visiting Santa Domingo and Trinidad.

Guatemala Offers Low-Priced Holiday

There aren't many places today where you can spend a wonderful two-week vacation for less than Fls. 400.

But there is one where, for that sum or less, you can stay at first-class hotels, enjoy the zip of spring weather, and sample such a variety of sightseeing as a city with 20th century attractions, a Spanish colonial town unmatched in atmosphere and architecture, a lake region more spectacularly scenic than Italy's, and an Indian village whose market days are renowned for colorful pageantry.

This answer to a bargain hunter's prayer is Guatemala. It's a harmonious blend of the ancient glory of Spain, the scenic beauty of Switzerland, and an Indian life that is pure pageantry. Most of its inhabitants are Indians, descendants of the Mayans, who made up one of the world's greatest civilizations when it flourished a few centuries after the birth of Christ.

Guatemala is small, with an area of 45,452 square miles. Its estimated population is around three and a half million. The northern state of Central America, it has Mexico for its neighbor on the north and west, British Honduras on the east, Honduras and Salvador on the east and south, and the Pacific Ocean on the southwest.

The Guatemalan soil is very fertile, and agriculture is the most important industry. Coffee accounts for 70 per cent of the exports. Other important crops are bananas, sugar, beans, corn, and wheat.

All-Expense Tours

The most inexpensive way to see Guatemala is by taking one of the all-expense conducted tours. These tours, at low cost, permit you to travel around the country in comfort, stay at first-class hotels, see the major sights, and still have time to relax.

The tours include Guatemala City, the capital, with its enchanting shops and gay night spots; Antigua, dotted with superb relics of Spanish colonial times; Lake Atitlan, a burnished turquoise lying 5,000 feet above sea level in a setting of conical volcanoes; and Chichicastenango, a picturebook village in the crisp highlands where more than a thousand Indians, dressed in black wool jackets and pants and red headdresses and sashes — or in strikingly embroidered blouses and short blue skirts — mix market day with pagan rites twice a week.

Hotels in Guatemala City charge

(All pictures by Pan American World Airways)



To achieve purification, Indians swing burning incense pots around themselves before entering the main church at Chichicastenango, Guatemala.

from 14 to 18 guilders a day per person for a room with bath and meals. The capital also has several excellent pensions where a good room and excellent food are available for only eight or nine guilders a day.

At the most popular spots in the highlands — Panajachel, near Lake Atitlan, and Chichicastenango — the minimum rate for a room with bath and meals is Fls. 15 a day per person. If you want a sweeping view of the lake, or a private porch with your own bougainvillea and caged mocking bird, you'll pay a little more.

Guatemala City can be seen in a day. It has none of the exotic quality of the rest of the country. Newly built — it was demolished by earthquakes in 1917 — it looks like a provincial town. It is the place, however, to buy Guatemala's exquisite handicrafts — textiles, wool blankets, silver, leather, and basket work.

Close to Guatemala City is Antigua which, although it is almost totally in ruins, is unrivaled as the most magnificent Spanish colonial city in all Latin

America. For more than two centuries it was the capital of Guatemala, then a colony of Spain. Earthquakes destroyed it in 1773.

A few hours drive from Antigua is Lake Atitlan, every bit as lovely as anything Switzerland or Italy can offer. Situated 5,000 feet above sea level, its turquoise waters are like a mirror. Its mountains form a spectacular kaleidoscope of colors with each shift of the sun. And every day is like a spring morning.

Primitive Indian villages, dotting the lake's shores, are reached by launch. No two villages are alike and each has its own distinctive dress.

Four hundred years of white man's rule have left most of these Indians untouched. A large proportion of them speak only their own Indian dialects. Almost all the Indians cling to their vivid, hand-made, many-hued costumes and ancient, picturesque customs which unflinchingly delight the tourist.

While Indian men till the rolling fields, Indian women gather around the pila — a flowing well in the main square of small towns — to do the family laundry and catch up on village gossip.

Market Day

On market days — each city and town has its special market day — processions of Indians trudge along Guatemala's roller-coaster roads. The men pack fantastic loads on their backs and carry them equally fantastic distances. Even children over six years of age are burdened. The women, however, carry produce on their heads because a baby is invariably slung on their backs.

One of the most lavishly colorful market days is that of Chichicastenango, a highland village whose work-a-day life is a compelling spectacle of colorful customs and gorgeous costumes.

The color and calm commotion of Chichicastenango capture and strain your senses. Indians by the hundreds, dressed like fairy tale characters, fill the narrow, cobblestone streets that meander up and down between small, white highland colonial houses roofed with red tiles.

From every side of the village the people converge on the main square where the market is held. It is a quietly seething mass of humanity — a flaming



Guatemala's beautiful Lake Atitlan is surrounded by towering volcanoes — such as San Pedro above. The lake is one of the most scenic in the world.

splash of scarlet and gold, sapphire blue and jet black, against a background of two chalk-white churches veiled in a midst of incense.

For market day is the time the Indians sell their wares, visit with their friends, and worship numerous gods.

Santo Tomas

On the 18 steep steps that lead to the entrance of Santo Tomas, larger and more popular of the two churches, the Indians chant prayers to pagan deities and swing small bowls containing burning copal. Others, having prayed, sit and chat in amiable groups among the worshippers.

Each of the 18 steps represents one month in the Mayan calendar year, and for each month there is a god to whom the Indians pay honor. No white person is allowed on the steps, so they enter the church through a side door.

Inside it is dark and hazy with the smoke of incense. It is also starkly bare except for an exquisite solid silver altar, a few faded images, and a handful of pews occupied by tourists.

From the altar to the door, in one straight line, Indians stand, kneel, or sit cross-legged on the stone floor before an almost continuous row of burning candles and flower petals.

If they pray for children or love, they strew pink petals on the floor. If it's business, marriage, or health, white flowers are used. For the departed, they offer yellow blossoms and cypress nettles.

Late in the afternoon, when they have sold their pottery, blankets, fruits, vegetables, chickens, and pigs, the Indians get their hair cut at small street-side stands or indulge in a few drinks of aguardiente (firewater).

Then, as the sun sets across the pine-clad ridges, the Indians, heavily laden with new goods, quietly trudge up the twisting mountain trails and Chichicastenango becomes an empty stage.

Market day in Chichicastenango is over, but it has been one of the most lavishly colorful extravaganzas one can hope to see anywhere.

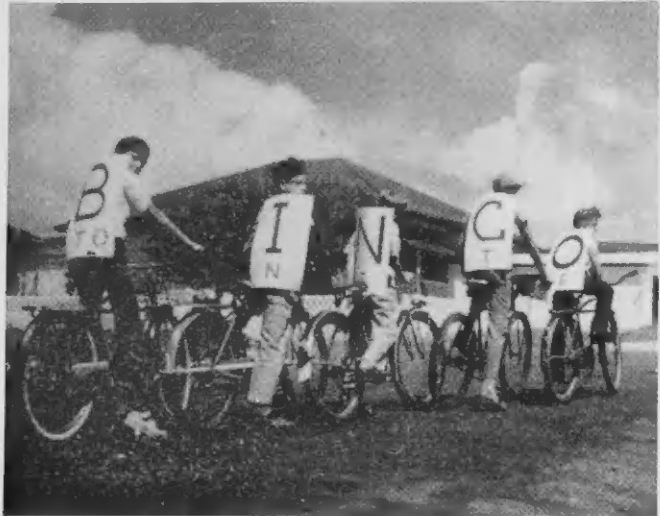
Another point of interest to the tourist is in Uaxactun, in northern Guatemala, where there are famous Mayan ruins. They are partially surrounded by logwood swamps and by thick jungles whose luxuriant foliage

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The Popenoe House in Antigua, former capital of Guatemala, is a famous tourist attraction. The ancient Spanish colonial dwelling has been completely restored as it was during the height of Antigua's power, and presents an interesting insight into colonial life. The massive entrance and heavily barred windows are excellent examples of Spanish colonial architecture.

PICTURE PARADE



A novel method of advertising bingo at the Esso Club was employed last month when these Lago Colony boys and their bicycles were pressed into service (above). With large cardboard signs on their backs, the boys rode through the Colony single-file, spelling out "Bingo Tonite."

Un metodo nobo pa haci propaganda pa wega di bingo na Esso Club a worde poni na uso luna pasá, ora cu e muchahombenan aki a poná na rond den Colony, cargando letreronan riba nan lomba.



Fire damage to the interior of the Band Box Dry Cleaners in San Nicolas is shown by this picture taken from the courtyard in the rear of the building. Places damaged or destroyed by the February 10 fire were the Band Box, Abma's Store, Aruba Trading Annex, El Liberator, Aruba House of Art, De Vries' Bar, Maritime Bar, and the Target Bar.

Aki riba nos ta mira destrucción di Band Box Dry Cleaners na San Nicolas, causá pa e candela di 10 di Februari.



The stunning white satin ball gown which RKO star Jane Russell wears above is called "Command Performance." The designer of the gown, taking her cue from a Medici princess, used yards of Duchesse satin in the skirt, while the strapless bodice has a beautiful hand-embroidered flower design done in crystal beads. The white net stole is added for flattery. Miss Russell, who was catapulted to fame in "The Outlaw", is famed for her dramatic roles.



Members of the Conjunto Rio Rita, one of the most popular musical groups on the island, are seen above. Standing, from left to right, are V. Philip, W. Broadbelt, N. Yearwood, B. Ras, C. Priest, C. Benardo, G. Alfonso, R. Crose, and N. Broadbelt. Sitting are Y. Plicht, C. Cruz, and G. Tromp; not shown in C. Hicks.

Aki riba nos ta mira miembronan di Conhunto Rio Rita, un di e gruponan musical di mas popular di Aruba.

(Photo by Reynold Jack.)



Cubs in the Lago Colony celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Scout movement by holding their second annual father-son banquet on February 9 (above). The dinner was held at the main lounge of the Esso Club. Speakers for the evening included Cubmaster John Opdyke, Lewis Swallow, scoutmaster of the Colony Troop, and Paul Hollyfield; Mr. Hollyfield represented the American Legion, which sponsors the scouting movement in the Colony.

Welpnan di Lago Colony a celebrá di 40 aniversario di Padvinderij cu un comemento pa "Tata y Jioe" na Esso Club.

Apprentice Scholarship Winners Enjoy Classwork and Social Life at Allentown



That Dominico Britten and Francisco Dijkhoff are making the most of their year's study in the States is shown by the excellent reports on their schoolwork which have come back to Aruba. That they're not neglecting the social and recreational side of life is shown in the above pictures. At left, the two boys play basketball on the high school court; at right, they chat with friends on a Saturday night at the YMCA coke bar. Since last September, the two lads have been in Allentown, Pa. on scholarships given to the two outstanding apprentice graduates.



Raportnan excelente cu ta bini foi Merca ta proba cu Dominico Britten y Francisco Dijkhoff ta probachando nan anja di estudio aya. E portretnan aki ta muestra cu nan ta tuma parti na actividadnan social y di recreo tambe. Na banda robes, e hobennan ta hunga basketbal na nan school; na banda drechi, nan ta combersa cu nan amigonan nobo un Diasabra nochi na un bar di Coca-cola. E muchahombenan ta bai school na Allentown, siendo ganadornan di e anja di estudio cu Compania a ofrece na e dos mihor graduadonan di programa di aprendiz.



Credit for rescuing a man from the waters of the San Nicolas harbor goes to Provenca Vicente (above), a launch helper assigned to the Shipyard Workboat. While on the launch he saw a man floating in the middle of the harbor; when the man made no effort to grab the lifebuoys tossed at him, Mr. Vicente dove into the water, grasped him under the arms, and kept him afloat until the launch came aside and they were pulled aboard. As the launch started back to the dock, Mr. Vicente gave the man artificial respiration; by the time they arrived at the launch dock, the man had recovered and needed no further aid. Mr. Vicente has worked for the Company since August 1947.

Officers from "Jacob van Heemskerk" are entertained at Air Show and barbecue



The Dutch cruiser, Jacob van Heemskerk, which arrived at Aruba on the weekend of February 18, is shown above in Oranjestad harbor. On February 19 the officers from the ship were entertained at the Aruba Flying Club Air Show and barbecue.

E cruzero Holandes, Jacob van Heemskerk, a pasa weekend di 18 di Februari na Aruba, ancrá na haaf di Oranjestad. Dia 19 di Februari, oficialnan tabata invitadonan na un demonstracion aéreo y un picnic di Aruba Flying Club na De Vuijst field.



After the Air Show flying club members gave rides to enthusiastic officers. The men give their fellow officer a briefing before he takes off to see Aruba from the air. Some of the men were pilots during the war; for others flying was a new thrill.

Despues di e demonstracion aéreo, miembronan di Aruba Flying Club a duna e oficialnan di Jacob van Heemskerk "cabei-boto" den e aeroplanonan. Algun di e oficialnan nan tabata piloto durante di guerra; pa otronan bulamento tabata un experiencia nobo.



The afternoon was topped off by a barbecue for members and their guests. Nick Schindeler, TSD, serves food to guests including Acting Lt. Gov., H. A. Hessling, left, and J. Wervers, center, Executive Office. A cocktail party was given later on the cruiser by the officers.

Despues cu tur demonstracionnan y bulamento a caba, un picnic a sigui pa miembronan di Flying Club y invitadonan. Nick Schindeler di T.S.D. ta sirbi invitadonan, incluyendo H. A. Hessling (na banda robes) y J. Wervers di Executive Office (mei-mei).

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year 'round climate, hospitable people, scenic beauty, healthful conditions, and a beach second to none in the Caribbean. Aruba's location is also an asset, with excellent transportation facilities to the island.

Although Mr. Bartels sees Aruba getting much tourist business from people in the Caracas and Maracaibo areas, he pointed out that it would also attract persons from the United States and Canada. As far as Canada is from Trinidad, he said, that island still attracted over a thousand Canadians in 1948, and closer to 3000 were expected there in 1949. And this was despite Trinidad's 15 per cent luxury tax.

Mr. Bartels spoke of the tourist industries developed in other Caribbean islands. Haiti, for instance, attaches such importance to it that it has a minister for tourism.

In speaking of the tourist business in general, Mr. Bartels quoted at length from an article in the New York Times. A survey made by that paper in 1948 showed that from 1929 to 1939 American tourists spent \$8,000,000,000.

Bermuda's revenue from tourism in 1948 amounted to \$15,000,000, with 49,051 people visiting the island. Of the total sum they spent there, \$6,000,000 went for various articles that they bought, \$6,800,000 for hotel accommodations, \$1,200,000 for sightseeing and entertainment, and \$1,000,000 for miscellaneous expenses. Yet Bermuda, Mr. Bartels pointed out, is only about one-fourth the size of Aruba.

To build up tourism here, Mr. Bartels emphasized, it was necessary that Aruba have a modern hotel with all the facilities needed by an international seaside resort.

A tourist industry in Aruba, he said,

NEW ARRIVALS

- A son, Roberto Rafael, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Capriles, February 13.
- A daughter, Elcina Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Tempo, February 15.
- A son, Faustin Hyppolite, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvain Brooks, February 15.
- A daughter, Sulna Juliana, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelio Eusebia, February 16.
- A son, Bernaldo, to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Boekhoudt, February 16.
- A son, Errol Valentine, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas, February 16.
- A daughter, Lucita Amalia, to Mr. and Mrs. Ange James, February 17.
- A son, Enrick Ephesus, to Mr. and Mrs. John Warner, February 18.
- A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Serrant, February 19.
- A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Williams, February 19.
- A son, Manswell Fitzpatrick, to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzroy Gay, February 20.
- A daughter, Higrud Eleuteria, to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hoek, February 20.
- A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Felis Bikker, Feb. 21.
- A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Henrique Boye, February 21.
- A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Dominico Croes, February 22.

Ricardo Van Blarcum, of the Stewards' Department, and Mrs. Van Blarcum planned to leave March 2 for Santa Domingo where they will spend two weeks of their long vacation. From there they will go to Haiti to see the World Exposition which will be in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Van Blarcum will go by air, visiting the Windward Islands on their return trip, Trinidad being their last stop before heading for Aruba.

would allow the Netherlands to export more merchandise to Aruba for sale here. It would also benefit other neighboring Dutch islands by attracting people to this area.

Mr. Bartels stressed that the development of tourism here would, however, require the cooperation and efforts of all concerned.



Shown above is a 75,000-kilowatt generating unit at No. 2 Powerhouse which is open for inspection by a group of employees under the direction of Ernest Ball, International General Electric representative. To the right is the armature of the generator, and in the foreground is part of the steam turbine. Mr. Ball will spend six or seven months in Aruba inspecting the various GE units in the refinery. In the group above are C. Jacob and C. Hughes, kneeling; standing from the left are A. Casali, J. Warren, R. Milan, H. Nixon, E. Maduro, R. Vanderlinden, Mr. Ball (behind Mr. Vanderlinden), G. Holsman, and A. Briezen.

Scholarship Winners See Snow; Get High Grades Annuitant Send Thanks

Another new experience occurred recently for Dominico Britten and Francisco Dijkhoff when the two apprentice scholarship winners saw their first real snow in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Photographs they took on the occasion will serve as another permanent reminder of the year they're spending in the States.

The boys recently received their report cards for their second nine weeks of study. Both are maintaining their excellent scholastic records, with grades averaging 87 and 89.

A recent cold wave sent the temperature down to six degrees above zero. Although the temperature sometimes varies as much as 20 degrees in 12 hours, the boys can always tell when it is real cold because then "our ears are nearly freezing".

Both Francisco and Dominico send their regards to all their friends in Aruba.

A recent letter from Annuitant Charles Joseph in Trinidad wishes his friends here a Happy New Year and thanks them for the presents he received from Aruba.

"Even though I'm not in Aruba," Mr. Joseph says, "the Lago does remember me."

"While doing my shopping Christmas week," he continues, "I met a school-mate of mine. After we had greeted each other, he said to me, 'Joe, where are you working?' I answered, 'Working? I am too old to be working; the Lago is supporting me.' He shook his head at me as though I was speaking nonsense. So today I must thank the Lago."

Mr. Joseph ended his letter with a request for one of the Company's 1950 calendars. Since all annuitants are on the mailing list to receive the calendar, as well as other Company publications, it had already been dispatched to him before his letter was received.

Mr. Joseph first went to work for Lago in March 1928, and was a patrolman A in the Lago Police Department at the time of his retirement just over a year ago. His present address is No.74 Eighth Street, Baratavia, Trinidad, B.W.I.



Chorus line at the Lago Colony Women's Club Dance and Floorshow February 18 was one of the evening's big hits. From left to right, the girls with the lovely legs are: Vi Hobbs, Alice Constance, Pat Greene, Rose LaFevre, Mary K. Schutts, Rosalind Buck, Andy Pannevis, Elizabeth Stengel, Helen Roney, and Doris Gibbs. Other features of the floor show included a men's chorus line, comedy songs, and special dance routines.

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swarms with howling monkeys and green parrots. Only habitations are the rude camps of chicle gatherers and timber cutters.

Besides these and other ruins in the north, there are the beautiful Maya ruins of Quirigua, situated in the valley of the Motagua river 60 miles south of Puerto Barrios on Guatemala's Atlantic coast. About 140 miles from Guatemala

City, the ruins consist of temples and monoliths covered with inscriptions of the Maya chronology. The old Maya empire flourished in what is today Guatemala during the first 1000 years of the Christian era.

Empleado Pensioná Ta Gradicido na Lago

Den un carta di Charles Joseph, un empleado pensioná di Trinidad, e ta manda desea su amigonan un Feliz Anja y e ta manda gradicido pa tur e regalonan cu el a ricibi.

"Maske mi no ta na Aruba mas," Sr. Joseph ta skirbi, "Lago no ta lubida mi."

"Banda di tempo di Pascu mi tabata haciendo compras," e ta sigui, "y un amigo di school a topa cu mi. Despues cu nos a cuminda otro el a puntra mi unda mi ta traha. Mi a contesté: 'Traha? Mi ta mucho bieuw pa traha; Lago ta mantene mi awor.' Y e amigo a sacudi su cabez, manera cu ta coi loco mi tabata papia. Pero ami si sa cu awe mi tin di gradicido Lago."

Sr. Joseph a terminá su carta, pidiendo un kalender di Lago di 1950. Siendo cu tur empleadonan pensioná ta riba lista pa ricibi e kalender y corantnan di Compania, Sr. Joseph su kalender tabata na caminda ora cu el a skirbi e carta.

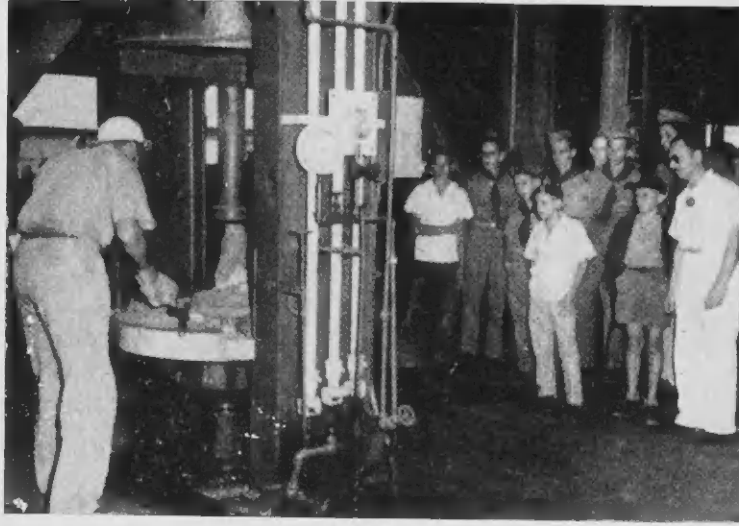
Sr. Joseph a cuminsa traha pa Lago na Maart di 1928 y e tabata un patrolman A den Lago Police Department tempo cu el a tuma su retiro algo mas cu un anja pasá. Su adres ta: No. 74 Eighth Street, Barataria, Trinidad, B.W.I.



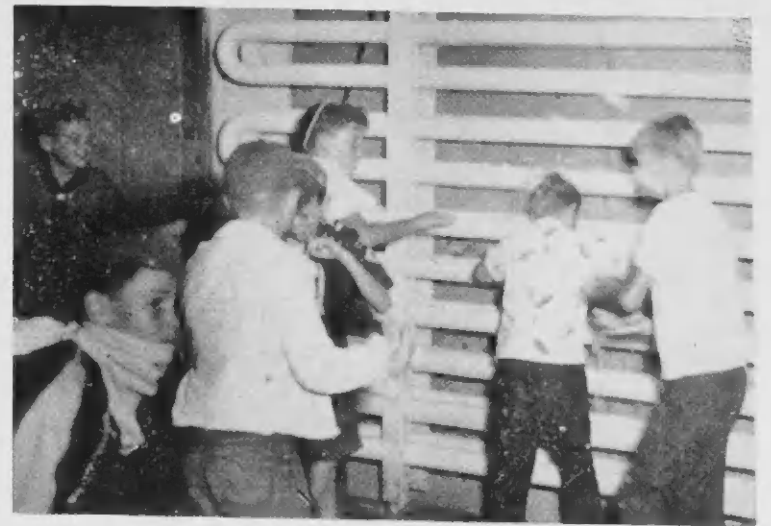
Soccer competition for students in the Training Division winds up with F. M. Scott presenting a trophy to N. Jacobs, left, captain of the winning B team. N. Tromp, captain of the A team which won the series, also received a trophy. The competition was held between eight teams of the 1949 students and lasted three weeks.

Competitio di voetbal entre estudiantenan di Training Division a terminá cu presentacion di copa; aki nos ta mira F. M. Scott di Training Division entregando e copa na N. Jacobs, captain di e A team victorioso; N. Tromp, captain di e B team cu a gana tambe a ricibi un copa. E competitio tabata entre ocho team diferente di estudiantenan di 1949, y el a dura tres siman.

Don't Waste Water



As part of the 40th anniversary of observance Scout Week, Scouts from the Lago Colony troop went on a tour of the refinery. Above a group of them, with Scoutmaster Lewis Swallow at right, pause in the Machine Shop to see D. Van Der Linden of EIG test the strength of a sample of concrete.



Colony Cubs and Scouts ended their trip through the refinery above February 11 with a snow fight in the Cold Storage Plant (above). Almost a hundred boys went on the trip through the plant, where they had a first-hand view of various refinery operations. Scout week lasted from February 5 through the 11th.

Dodgers Win Lago Sport Park Baseball Tourney; Prizes Awarded to League's Outstanding Players

The Lago Sport Park baseball league ended February 5 with the Dodgers beating Baby Ruth for the championship, and with prizes being awarded to the season's outstanding players.

The Dodgers won the presentation game by a score of 1-0, thus edging out Baby Ruth in the league standings by one game. Pitching for the Dodgers, Manager B. Hoftijzer allowed only four hits while striking out ten batters.

Final standings in the league were as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Av.
Dodgers	5	1	.833
Baby Ruth	4	2	.666
Braves	3	2	.600
San Lucas	3	2	.600
Giants	1	4	.200

B. Hoftijzer, Dodgers, was the season's leading pitcher with three wins and no losses. Leading batter was F. Gibbs, Baby Ruth, with a .533 average. Four players tied for the number of bases stolen during the season's play; each stole seven. They were C. Bryson, San Lucas; J. Arrindell, Baby Ruth; S. Reid, Braves, and R. Hodge, Baby Ruth. Lots were drawn by the four, and the award for top base-stealer went to J. Arrindell. Three men, with one home run each, tied also in that department. They were B. Hoftijzer, Dodgers; N. Arrindell, Braves; and H. Hughes, Baby Ruth.

The ten leading batters in the season play: F. Gibbs, Baby Ruth, .533; T. Ras, Giants, .500; B. Hoftijzer, Dodgers, .461; F. Richards, Baby Ruth, .444; R. Oduber, Braves, .360; J. Pattinson, Baby Ruth, .333; C. Bryson, San Lucas, .385; S. Reid, Braves, .333; A. Veloz, Dodgers, .300; J. Perez, Dodgers, .300.

Each member of the champion Dodgers and of the runner-up Baby Ruth team received an award. The prizes were considered to be the most beautiful ever awarded baseball players here. They were presented by Marine Manager J. Andreae, with Robert Martin acting as master of ceremonies for the occasion. E. J. Huckleman, chairman of the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee,



The 1950 Lago Sport Park Cricket Competition got underway (left) with Public Relations Director B. Teagle (right) bowling out A. Spencer of the Baden Powell A team. It proved to be an ill omen for Baden Powell, since the club went ahead to lose its opening match to St. Vincent A. From the left, are C. Matthews, Sonny Rohoman, E. J. Huckleman (chairman of the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee), C. A. Thompson, and Mr. Teagle.

also assisted in the distribution of the prizes.

The committee responsible for handling the competition included A. Dennie, W. Van Heyningen, H. M. Nassy, and R. E. A. Martin. Umpires officiating were from the Umpires Association and included C. Van Putten, C. MacDonald, M. Croes, W. Leshner, L. Pantophlet, W. Van Heyningen, W. Arrindell, S. Smith, and W. Dowers.

Six Colony Honor Scouts Observe Police Methods

As a special feature of the Lago Colony Boy Scouts' celebration of Scout Week, six honor Scouts spent a day with six members of Lago's Management, going with them on their work through the refinery. A highlight of the trip on February 10 was the hour the six boys spent at the Lago Police Department, where they had a chance to observe police methods.

The boys were dropped at the LPD office by the six men with whom they were spending the day. After welcoming them in his office, Chief G. B. Brook gave them a short talk on police work in general. Chief Constable B. Boonstra of the Lago Brigade (Government Police) spoke to the boys on traffic matters and the investigation of traffic accidents.

Sub-Inspector S. Dirkmaat, of the Detective Division in San Nicolas, talked to the Scouts on the police work coming under his jurisdiction. Lt. J. A. Seymour, of the LPD, spoke on fingerprints and their use, and showed the boys how to take them.

Tour Department

Capt. K. A. Hoglund, LPD, took the group on a tour of the Police Department, including the armory.

Throughout the program, the six boys asked many questions of the various police officials who spoke to them.

Following their tour of the LPD, the boys were driven to their homes by Capt. Hoglund and Lt. Seymour.

The six Scouts, and the men with whom each spent the day, were Don Cahill, with Process Superintendent D. L. Hussey; Sam Evans, with General Superintendent F. E. Griffin; Dominic Macrini, with Technical Superintendent J. M. Whiteley; Dick Greene, with Marine Manager J. Andreae; Jack Wiley, with General Manager O. Mingus; and John Dascanio, with Mechanical Superintendent H. Chippendale.



R. C. Oduber, center, of the Harbor Operations Division, Marine Department, is presented with a gift by his fellow workers. Max Vries, left, makes the presentation. Mr. Oduber married Miss Anna Guzman on February 9.



Workers at TSD Lab 1 present Basilio Petrochi with a silver set in honor of his marriage to Marianita Lacle. Mr. Petrochi, left, is congratulated by R. Ebbets, right. The wedding was held on the 16th of February at Santa Filomena Church in Santa Cruz.